ANY 1 7 2004

iUSA Docket No .:

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

TASCA DELOW named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled NOVEL LYSINE DECARBOXYLASE GENE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-LYSINE the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☑ was filed on February 25, 2004 as

United States Application Number 10/784,986 , or

PCT International Application Number

and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY (if PCT, Indicate "PCT")	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119
Japan .	2003-47185	25/02/2003	⊠Yes □No
			☐Yes ☐No
•			☐Yes ☐No
		•	☐Yes ☐No
,			☐Yes ☐No

I hereby appoint Shelly Guest Cermak, Registration No. 39,571 of Ajinomoto Corporate Services LLC telephone (202) 457 0284, with the following customer number and a mailing address at:

000038108

1120 Connecticut Ave. Ste. 1010 Washington, D.C. 20036

with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. Attorney named herein to accept and follow instructions from undersigned's assignee, if any, and/or, if the undersigned is not a resident of the United States, the undersigned's domestic attorney, patent attorney or patent agent, as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the person(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby declare that all statements. \_de herein of my own knowledge are true an\_\_\_.at all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may Jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issued thereon.

FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR	Seiko HIRANO
Signature	Seika Hirana
Date	April 23, 2004
Residence (City, State, Country)	Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan
Citizenship	Japanese
Mailing Address	c/o Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho,
City, State, ZIP, Country	Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan

FULL NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR, IF ANY	Hisashi YASUEDA
Signature	Idisashi Yasunda
Date	April 22, 2004
Residence (City, State, Country)	Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan
Citizenship	Japanese
Mailing Address	c/o Ajinomoto Co., Inc., I-1, Suzuki-cho,
City, State, ZIP, Country	Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa, Japan

FULL NAME OF THIRD INVENTOR, IF ANY	
Signature	
Date	
Residence (City, State, Country)	
Citizenship	
Mailing Address	
City, State, ZIP, Country	

FULL NAME OF FOURTH INVENTOR, IF ANY	
Signature	
Date	
Residence (City, State, Country)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Citizenship	
Mailing Address	
City, State, ZIP, Country	

FULL NAME OF FIFTH INVENTOR, IF ANY	
Signature	
Date	
Residence (City, State, Country)	·
Citizenship	
Mailing Address	
City, State, ZIP, Country	

AJINOMOTO CORP SERV LLC